

**CITY OF TREASURE ISLAND, FLORIDA  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
December 2, 2008  
6:00 PM**

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Mayor Maloof.

**A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Mayor Maloof

**B. ROLL CALL:**

Mayor Mary Maloof		Present
Commissioner Phil Collins	District 1	Present
Commissioner Ed Gayton	District 2	Present
Commissioner Bob Minning – Vice Mayor	District 3	Present
Commissioner Alan Bildz	District 4	Present

**C. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The minutes of the November 18, 2008 Meeting and Workshop are available for approval. It was moved by Commissioner Bildz and seconded by Commissioner Minning to approve the minutes as corrected. Upon roll call the vote to approve was unanimous.

**E. ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

1. Consideration of Ord. 08-04, Sunset Beach Parking Permit System (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)

It was moved by Commissioner Bildz and seconded by Commissioner Collins. Police Chief Casey gave a brief update on this item. He stated that there would be fewer spaces available than the estimate first given. They will take into consideration the location of mailboxes and driveways when planning for the parking spots. The numbers will be lower but still in compliance.

Chief Casey discussed Option 3, which is enhanced enforcement. He stated that he has directed his officers to spend more time enforcing the parking regulations at Sunset Beach. They have doubled the parking citations there. The enforcement effort is underway and is effective. It is still a method for them to consider. Commissioner Minning asked what impact this ordinance would have on their enforcement efforts. Chief Casey stated that it would clarify things for the officers. The parking violations are under state code, but the biggest violation is the clogged roads and it would give them the tools to deal with that. Commissioner Minning asked if they should give the enhanced enforcement a chance before the vote for this ordinance. Chief Casey stated that he felt that this should be the first effort. The officers have shown that this can be successful. He feels that this is where they should start.

Commissioner Bildz asked what the state law was regarding blocking driveways, and if they could ticket those cars. Chief Casey explained that the driveway cannot be blocked in such a manner that it interferes with someone going in and out. Parking is allowed on either side or across the street making it difficult to get in and out, but as long as the car can go in or out those vehicles are legally parked. Commissioner Bildz asked if the police made a judgment call. Chief Casey stated that all the court wants to know is whether someone could get in or out. Commissioner Bildz asked if they had the ability to tow a vehicle that blocked a driveway. Mr. Silverboard stated that the ordinance that they would be passing later in the evening would address that issue. Commissioner Bildz stated that he didn't think the residents of Sunset Beach would go for the two spots per street, and he hated to let them down when 200 surveys told them that they wanted permit parking. Commissioner Minning stated that they could table this item and see how the enhanced enforcement worked out.

Mr. Silverboard stated that he would like to see the Civic Association get involved with choosing the spaces if they chose to pass this ordinance. They could table this until the next busy season and see how it was working out and whether they thought it was necessary. There is still the threat of a lawsuit out there if they pass this.

Mayor Maloof stated that she had received several e-mails from people commenting that they felt that having a public parking space in front of their home would reduce the value of their properties. Mr. Silverboard stated that he had a conversation with Mr. Taylor, who manages the Suntasia property, regarding the empty parking spaces there. It would require a fee and Planning Board approval to utilize those spaces while the property isn't being used. Sometimes our own codes interfere with our ability to ease a problem. He will talk to staff about what we can do about it. Commissioner Bildz stated that it is full on the weekends.

Commissioner Collins stated if there was a car parked directly next to the apron on both sides of the driveway, and a car parked across the street, then that person cannot get out of their driveway. Does that mean that everyone is parked legally and they are just stuck? Chief Casey stated that yes that was the case. The court will look at a case with multiple offenders, and will want to know which car was the one that caused the problem. There will be times that decisions will have to be made. Commissioner Collins stated that in this scenario nobody is breaking the law. Chief Casey stated that it would be the last vehicle that parked there that would be in violation. On those streets if you have two cars on one side and one on the other the street is blocked and there is a problem. They will take care of the problem in the most reasonable manner. Commissioner Bildz stated that if that happened on his street nothing would get through. Chief Casey stated that if we tow a few cars the word will spread very fast and that will help to alleviate the problem.

Mayor Maloof asked what kind of signage they would use. Chief Casey stated that there are very few signs out there now. Commissioner Bildz suggested that they post signs directing people to the south end of Sunset Beach. Mayor Maloof asked if it was illegal to park on the streets if there was no sign. Chief Casey said it becomes a common sense type of issue.

Kim Driscoll stated that she understands that there is a big problem, but feels that if the police are willing to ticket and tow cars it might take care of the problem. Her problem is the blocked driveways, and what is considered a reasonable time to be able to

maneuver out of your driveway. If two cars park in her area they can't get out of their driveway. They want to be able to get out of their house, and have emergency vehicles get down the streets. She wants to give the police a chance to deal with this.

Commissioner Bildz stated that people not being able to get in and out of their driveways has been what has pushed this item. If the police are willing to enhance enforcement he would like to try that. Mayor Maloof asked what this would add in time for the officers. Chief Casey stated that they are already doing it now. During spring break they will probably assign an officer there on Saturdays and Sundays and see how it goes. They have a Parking Enforcement Specialist that spends a lot of time at Sunset Beach.

It was moved by Commissioner Bildz and seconded by Commissioner Minning to table this item indefinitely. Commissioner Bildz asked if they could still get a copy of the proposed public parking spots. Mr. Silverboard stated that they would provide it to the Commission and Civic Association. They will also put up signage regarding parking.

Upon roll call, the vote to table was unanimous.

2. Consideration of Res. 08-105, Final Plat Approval (Quasi-Judicial Hearing) (Tabled at the 11-18-08 Meeting)

Mayor Maloof reported that they have not been given the information on this item so they will continue it to the December 16, 2008 meeting. It was moved by Commissioner Minning and seconded by Commissioner Collins to continue this item until the January 6, 2009 meeting. Upon roll call the vote to continue was unanimous.

3. Consideration of Ord. 08-13, Camping on Public Property (2nd Reading & Public Hearing)

It was moved by Commissioner Bildz and seconded by Commissioner Gayton to approve the ordinance as read. The public hearing was opened by Mayor Maloof. There being no public comment the public hearing was closed. Upon roll call the vote to approve was unanimous.

4. Consideration of Ord. 08-18, Trespass Warning (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading & Public Hearing)

It was moved by Commissioner Bildz and seconded by Commissioner Gayton to approve the ordinance as read.

Commissioner Collins asked if the police officer was the one to issue the warning. Chief Casey answered in the affirmative. The first time they are issued a warning. The second time they can be arrested for trespass.

Commissioner Bildz clarified that a Commissioner is not able to issue the warning – that the police must still be called.

The public hearing was opened by Mayor Maloof. There being no public comment the public hearing was closed. Upon roll call the vote to approve was unanimous.

5. Consideration of Ord. 08-19, Alcohol on Public Property (2nd Reading & Public Hearing)

It was moved by Commissioner Bildz and seconded by Commissioner Gayton to approve the ordinance as read.

The public hearing was opened by Mayor Maloof. Kim Driscoll asked if the Civic Associations were using city facilities, could they serve alcohol. It was answered in the affirmative. Commissioner Bildz clarified that anyone renting a city facility would be allowed to serve alcohol. Commissioner Collins clarified that "packaged" alcohol would still be allowed on the beach as usual.

6. Consideration of Ord. 08-20, Solid Waste (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)

It was moved by Commissioner Bildz and seconded by Commissioner Gayton to approve the ordinance as read. Upon roll call the vote to approve was unanimous.

7. Consideration of Ord. 08-17, Parking and Parking Violations (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)

It was moved by Commissioner Bildz and seconded by Commissioner Gayton to approve the ordinance as read. Upon roll call the vote to approve was unanimous.

8. Consideration of Ord. 08-16, Foreclosures (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)

It was moved by Commissioner Gayton and seconded by Commissioner Minning to approve the ordinance as read. Upon roll call the vote to approve was unanimous.

**G. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m. by Mayor Maloof.